

Job Opportunity: Community Development Allotment Project Officer

Fair Shares is a community time bank based at Chequers Community Centre. Time banking brings people together, helps build communities by everyone giving a little time and in return receiving something they need.

Fair Shares has had an allotment at St James City Farm Upton Street Gloucester GL1 4JT, for several years. More recently the allotment has not been as widely used as we would like and we now have an exciting opportunity to develop the site into a vibrant community facility where people can come together, learn how to grow plants and the environment and make new friendships in the local community. Everyone is welcome, young, or not so young, healthy and not so healthy, those who know how to grow and those who don't. There will be opportunities for everyone to get involved.

We are seeking an experienced community development worker with good practical knowledge of allotment working to make this exciting opportunity a reality.

Community Development Allotment Project Officer

Location: Barton & Tredworth Based 17 - 20 hours per week

Salary: £20,000 to £22,000 per annum (FTE) dependent upon experience

The successful candidate will actively reach out to engage with people from different backgrounds and ways of life in the local area. You will be able to identify how people can start to get involved plan and organise the day to day running of the allotment , arrange community and training events

Key Personal Attributes

- Excellent people skills
- Good communication skills
- Good practical and DIY skills
- Ability to prioritise and organise
- Strong relationship management skills;
- Empathy with people from a wide range of ages and backgrounds

Relevant Experience and Qualifications

- Experience of community engagement worker
- Lived experience as, or having worked with, vulnerable or disengaged people;
- Practical knowledge of allotment work
- Understanding of Time Banking
- Good project management skills
- Literate and numerate with IT skills

This role is for a Fixed Term Contract period until 30 December 2020

Secondment or Job Share opportunities will be considered

Email admin@fairshares.org.uk phone **01452 415900** for an Application Form and Job Specification which must be returned by email to the same email address. Only those applications on a Fair Shares application form will be considered application, along with a covering letter. Please do not submit CV's as they will not be considered as part of the selection process.

Closing date for applications is 11 am Monday 2 December .

Please note: Interviews will be held on Thursday 5th December at Chequers Community Centre Painswick Road Gloucester GL4 6PR

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